



# RIBBONS FOR PEACE

*This moment can be adapted as you see fit, as suits your space and community.*

*It ties into the tradition and devotion practiced at many holy wells around the country, and links also with the May bush traditions.*

**Materials:** Ribbons, wool (plait wool together to make thicker braids), small pieces of cloth, old t-shirts cut into rags (possible school/youth project), black felt pens.

*Invite your community to write a prayer for peace onto ribbons, and after a Sunday/each mass in September, process out to the church grounds, where you gather around a tree (could be a tree you've planted in previous years/occasion).*

*If most of the church grounds are tarmac, hang them inside the church using string and attach ribbons with pins/pegs, near the altar, the baptismal font, or beside a "Season of Creation" sacred space/display or noticeboard.*

*The following prayers could be read by a couple of readers, note if outdoors, read slowly to be heard above competing sounds.*

**Reader:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

**Leader:** The theme for the Season of Creation this year is "Peace with Creation", and the symbol is "The garden of Peace". This is inspired by scripture from Isaiah 32:18: "My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest".

Let us take a moment to breathe in this place, to slow down, to come to rest, to observe creation and ourselves gathered as community here in creation. What signs of peace do we see? In what way is this a place of rest for us today?

**Reader 1:** Come, let us worship God, the Creator of all things, who calls us to dwell in peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

**Reader 2:** We gather in gratitude for God's creation, longing for justice and peace to abide in the land.

**All: Lord, make me a channel of your peace.**

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**Reader 1:** Come, let us follow the Lord Jesus Christ, who reconciles all things and leads us in the way of righteousness, so that the wilderness may become a fruitful field and the fruitful field be deemed a forest.

**Reader 2:** We come to walk in the footsteps of Christ, seeking healing for creation and peace for all people.

**All: Lord, make me a channel of your peace.**

**Reader 1:** Come, let us move with the Holy Spirit, the breath of life, who is poured out upon us, bringing renewal to the earth and restoring the harmony of Creation.

**Reader 2:** We praise God, who revives the land and calls us to be peacemakers with all of Creation.

**All: Lord, make me a channel of your peace.**

**Reader 1:** The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.

**Reader 2:** God of justice and peace, we gather in Your presence, united with all living beings. We come in hope, in worship, and in commitment to live as caretakers of Your world.

**All: Lord, make me a channel of your peace.**

**Reader 1:** May our prayers rise like incense, and our worship be a song of love for all Creation.

**Reader 2:** We thank the Lord for giving life to all Creation! We thank God for our neighbours' life, human and non-human alike.

**All: Lord, make me a channel of your peace.**

**Reader 1:** As we gather, we share the hope and the sufferings of our sisters and brothers in the whole Creation.

**Reader 2:** In communion with the waves of the sea, with the waves of the trees, we recite Psalm 139:14 together: "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." (*Everyone repeat*)

**All: Lord, make me a channel of your peace.**

*Invite all to bring their ribbons and tie them tightly on the tree/bush. While this is happening, you could have silence and listen to the hymn of nature. Afterwards, have a suitable hymn of peace – "Make me a channel of your peace", a hymn of creation, or others of your choice.*

**Leader:** Go as instruments of God's peace. Where there is hatred, sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, peace; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the eternal Spirit of God. Go in peace to serve the Lord.



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